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MEDIA ADVISORY

Bagpipes, ball, new name for dining hall on agenda for Tuesday

William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home to honor heroes on Veterans Day

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TEMPLE, Texas — The heroes at the William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home will be honored by a full day of activities on Tuesday.

Col. Matt Melvin will be the keynote speaker at the Courtney home's Veterans Day Ceremony, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, (1424 Martin Luther King Jr. Lane, Temple) outside by the front entrance flag poles.

The event is by invitation only. There is no cost to attend.

Soldiers from Ft. Hood's 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command planned and organized the Ceremony, featuring a color guard and bagpipe performance of the National Anthem. In the event of inclement weather the ceremony will be held inside in the main dining room.

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Courtney home will host a Veterans Military Ball in the Main Dining Room – also by invitation only.

The soldiers will meet and greet residents, present the colors, and honor retired Veteran Medical Director Dr. Jack Weinblatt. He served as Medical Director from December 2000 to March 2013. The main dining room will now be named "Dr. Jack Café" in his honor.

To attend, or for more information, contact the William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home at (254)791-8280.

WHO: Texas Veterans and their loved ones

WHAT: Veterans Day Cermemony and Military Ball

WHERE: William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home, 1424 MLK Lane, Temple

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day)

WHY: To honor all Texas Veterans for their service